

NORTH CAROLINA "A Good Place to Live"

North Carolina

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IT WAS rather surprising the other day to discover that the third State in the Union, reckoned by the amount of Federal taxes paid in 1927-28, is North Carolina.

Of course New York with its huge metropolis, Illinois with its Chicago, are in the lead because of the capital in those great cities. North Carolina even leads Pennsylvania with Philadelphia, Michigan with Detroit and California with Los Angeles.

But we had all been accustomed to believe that North Carolina was rather a backward place, lucky to make both ends meet.

We hardly realize the industrial and commercial advance of the South till we observe North Carolina.

It is probably the oldest of our English-speaking communities, because the "Lost Colony" of Sir Walter Raleigh was planted in 1584 on Roanoke Island. The disappearance of that colony is one of the most romantic of New World mysteries.

One of the most striking facts about the State is that only about three-tenths of one per cent is foreign born. It is one of the most American of the American communities, made up of English, Scotch and German original settlers.

It is claimed that it has no labor problems, and that is probably a contributing cause to its great industrial prosperity.

It is probably the principal State which does not owe its success to a great city. It has many flourishing cities but none of them are very large. Possibly its great water power contributed to this.

They seem to realize the advantage of good roads for in seven years they have spent more than a hundred million dollars for highways. There are good automobile roads throughout every county.

Few know that an educational institution destined to be the largest and richest in the world is located in North Carolina. There are many other colleges.

